



ALT Priest & Pooja Services: Information for Devotees

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Sri Ashtalakshmi Temple has experienced Vedic Priests. Our Priests are available to perform private and personalized Pooja services inside the temple, at your residence, or at your designated venue as required. We cater to Priest Services anywhere in the United States. Below is the detailed outline of the procedure for priest services.

Step 1: Register: It is a mandatory requirement that you submit a formal request for priest services on our registration screen on the Sri Ashtalakshmi Temple web site. Please provide your Gothram, Nakshatram, and private Pooja venue address if applicable at the time of the registration request. Kindly note that the email confirmation you receive from our priest services team is a pre-requisite before any private Pooja can be performed. Please allow an appropriate period for this dialogue to take place. It may be noted that once confirmed, it would be difficult to accommodate changes.

Step 2 : Contact Priest: It is highly recommended that you communicate with our Priests by phone, so that the Pooja can be tailored per your wishes, and where appropriate muhurtam can be arranged.

Step 3 : Pooja materials: Arrangements of pooja materials is **your** responsibility to be arranged at the Pooja site and some may have to be pre-ordered from outside vendors. Although we have generic Pooja materials [listed for information purposes only](#), it is suggested to discuss with the priest regarding the Pooja materials required for your specific event.

Step 4: Payments / Donations: Sri Ashtalakshmi Temple serves the community and is maintained with generous and recurrent donations from devotees such as yourselves. The suggested donation for the Poojas is [listed here](#). We sincerely request you to be liberal with your donations for which we shall be grateful. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. ***Sri Ashtalakshmi Temple does not encourage any cash transactions.*** Preferred mode of payment / donations is online or by check and has to be made prior to the pooja. Checks to be made **payable to “Ashtalakshmi Temple”** with the purpose and date of service in the memo section. Kindly note that we do not hold any of your card information on our digital devices, or on our temple software or servers. For private poojas within the temple, the group is limited to 10. For groups larger than 10, Temple Hall needs to be reserved. For outside the temple poojas, the group limitation is 10.

Other information:

Sambhavana for Priests: As per temple guidelines Sambhavana is not mandatory and priests will not ask / suggest any Sambhavana amount. Any Sambhavana that you may wish to give is entirely at your discretion.

Safety: The safety of the Priests and devotees is paramount. It is expected that where applicable the devotee obtain all city permissions, has adequate insurance, undertakes regulatory compliance, and adheres to fire codes. You are solely responsible for the arrangements inclusive of, sound levels of the Pooja, any fires lit, and handling of the Pooja material.

Feedback: The temple requests that you take a few minutes to give feedback on your entire experience. This will greatly help in providing the best possible service for the devotees. We encourage that you communicate [any](#) suggestions / grievances in the entire process by emailing priestservices@ashtalakshmi.org.

The Temple reserves the right to refuse any request for private Pooja and Priest services without providing reasons.

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